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Mayor praises PST promise

MANITOBA ELECTION 2016

Bowman challenges PCs, NDP to match Liberals' 1% pledge

Stephanie Taylor
Metro | Winnipeg

Winnipeg's mayor says the Manitoba Liberal Party's promise to dedicate one per cent of the provincial sales tax to municipal infrastructure is "obviously very welcomed."

Brian Bowman called the party's campaign announcement Tuesday "significant," calling it the clearest commitment made by one of the provincial parties thus far.

"We have definitely committed to contributing the new one per cent PST hike to municipalities on a per capita basis, so that they do have the funding that they need," Liberal leader Rana Bokhari told reporters.

Bowman espoused the Liberals' plan as a policy he would stand behind, and one that "sets the bar for other parties to meet or exceed."

Bowman stopped short of an endorsement, however, and underlined there is still a few weeks left for other parties to "rise to the challenge."

"The campaign isn't over," he said.

For nearly a year, Bowman and 137 mayors and reeves, part of the Association of Manitoba Municipalities, have been beating the drum on a "Fair Share, Fair Say" campaign.

The Liberals say since the PST increased from seven to eight per cent the city should have received $155 million annually, missing out on $315 million in infrastructure dollars under the ruling NDP government.

Bowman said the Liberals' offer to direct one per cent of the PST into a municipal infrastructure fund on a per capita basis is equitable, and would provide new money with "no strings attached."

"Municipalities are the level of government that is closet to the people. They know exactly what their communities need and that's why this is so important," Bokhari said.

Bokhari pledged to honour the 10-year target to roll back the PST to seven per cent, promising that even without a tax hike, millions in new money to municipal infrastructure would continue to flow.

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Louie Anderson
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MONDAY, APRIL 4

819.7 Free Comedy
Millennium Library | 12:15 pm | Tickets: Free

WCF The Upper Deck
King's Head Pub | 9:30 pm | Tickets: $5 (18+ no minors)

TUESDAY, APRIL 5

819.7 Free Comedy
Millennium Library | 12:15 pm | Tickets: Free

The High School Improv Super Show
Gas Station Arts Centre | 7:30 pm | Tickets: $5
HOSTED BY: Caitlin Curtis, Stephen Sim

Women's Open Mic Comedy: WCF edition
Jekyll & Hyde's | 8:00 pm | Tickets: $5 (18+ no minors)
HOSTED BY: Dana Smith

WCF Rumor's Comedy Club Series
Rumor's Comedy Club | 8:00 pm | Tickets: $12 (18+ no minors)
FEATURING: Erica Sigurdson

WCF The Upper Deck
King's Head Pub | 9:30 pm | Tickets: $5 (18+ no minors)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6

819.7 Free Comedy
Millennium Library | 12:15 pm | Tickets: Free

GASTROCOMIQUE
Fusion Grill | 6:00 pm
Tickets: $150 (includes meal and wine pairing)
CAST: Erica Sigurdson, Pat Thornton, John Wing and K. Trevor Wilson

The Winnipeg Show
Gas Station Arts Centre | 7:30 pm | Tickets: $10
HOSTED BY: Dan Verville

WCF Rumor's Comedy Club Series
Rumor's Comedy Club | 8:00 pm | Tickets: $12 (18+ no minors)
FEATURING: Nikki Payne

The Inadequate Life podcast (live taping)
King's Head Pub | 8:00 pm | Tickets: $5 (18+ no minors)

WCF The Upper Deck
King's Head Pub | 9:30 pm | Tickets: $5 (18+ no minors)

THURSDAY, APRIL 7

819.7 Free Comedy
Millennium Library | 12:15 pm | Tickets: Free

Manitoba Liquor & Lotteries Gala
Born This Way
The Pantages Playhouse | 7:15pm | Tickets: $37
Hosted by: Brent Butt
CAST: Phil Hanley, Jess Salomon, Nick Reynoldson, Kyle Bottom, Lara Rae, Andy Kindler

Sketch Comedy Revue
Gas Station Arts Centre | 7:30 pm | Tickets: $15

WCF Rumor's Comedy Club Series
Rumor's Comedy Club | 8:00 pm | Tickets: $12 (18+ no minors)
FEATURING: Jeremy Woodcock and Peter White

WCF presents: Weird Al Karaoke
Jekyll & Hyde's | 9:00 pm | Tickets: $10 (18+ no minors)
HOSTED BY: Wes Borg

The ALT Comedy Show
Gas Station Arts Centre | 10:00 pm | Tickets: $20
HOSTED BY: Seán Cullen

FRIDAY, APRIL 8

Manitoba Liquor & Lotteries Gala
Customs & Integration
The Pantages Playhouse | 6:45 pm | Tickets: $37
HOSTED BY: Craig Lauzon
CAST: Dan Taylor, Vishal Ramesh, Dave Merheje, Nour Hadidi, Martha Chaves, Mark Heath

Neighbourhoods
Gas Station Arts Centre | 7:30 pm | Tickets: $20
HOSTED BY: Bill Richardson

WCF Rumor's Comedy Club Series
Rumor's Comedy Club | 7:45 pm | Tickets: $15 (18+ no minors)
FEATURING: Greg Morton

Lost in Translation, Perdu en quoi?
CCFM | 20h | Billets: $10
Bilingual Improv Show / Spectacle d'impro bilingue

Coast to Coast Comedy
Club Regent Event Centre | 8:00 pm | Tickets: $20
HOSTED BY: Steve Patterson
CAST: Nikki Payne, Jess Salomon, Big Daddy Tazz, Erica Sigurdson, Pat Thornton, Graham Clark, Derek Seguin, Tim Nutt

The Best of WCF on Tour
Morris, MB
Morris Multiplex | 8:00 pm | Tickets: $20

Tales from Late Night
The Park Theatre | 9:00 pm | Tickets: $20
HOSTED BY: Bruce Clark with Andy Kindler

Manitoba Liquor & Lotteries Gala
Truth Bomb
The Pantages Playhouse | 9:15 pm | Tickets: $37
HOSTED BY: Mary Walsh
CAST: Danish Anwar, DeAnne Smith, Peter White, Adrienne Fish, Pete Johansson, Simon King

Good People
with Pete Johansson
The Park Theatre | 11:00 pm | Tickets: $15
STARRING: Pete Johansson

WCF Rumor's Comedy Club Series
Rumor's Comedy Club | 10:30 pm | Tickets: $15 (18+ no minors)
FEATURING: Graham Clark

CRUMBS & Friends
Gas Station Arts Centre | 10:30 pm | Tickets: $15
HOSTED BY: CRUMBS (Stephen Sim and Lee White)
MUSIC BY: DJ Hunnicutt

SATURDAY, APRIL 9

CBC's The Debaters
Club Regent Event Centre | 2:00 pm | Tickets: $30

Dinner & a Movie
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The MET | 6 pm dinner + 7 pm movie
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INTRODUCED BY: Adrienne Fish

Manitoba Liquor & Lotteries Gala
The 15th Anniversary Show
The Pantages Playhouse | 6:45 pm | Tickets: $37
HOSTED BY: Seán Cullen
CAST: Erica Sigurdson, Elvira Kurt, Nikki Payne, Darryl Lenox, Graham Clark, John Wing

WCF Rumor's Comedy Club Series
Rumor's Comedy Club | 7:15 pm | Tickets: $17 (18+ no minors)
FEATURING: Dave Merheje

The No Bro Show 3
Gas Station Arts Centre | 7:30 pm | Tickets: $20
HOSTED BY: Trish Cooper

Manitoba Liquor & Lotteries Gala
All Geek to Me
The Pantages Playhouse | 9:15 pm | Tickets: $37
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CAST: Mayce Galoni, Jeremy Woodcock, Cheryl Hann, Lori Gibbs, K. Trevor Wilson, Greg Morton

WCF Rumor's Comedy Club Series
Rumor's Comedy Club | 10:00 pm | Tickets: $17 (18+ no minors)
FEATURING: John Wing

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The MET | 10:00 pm | Tickets: $20 (18+ no minors)
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"BLT" Comedy Show
Gas Station Arts Centre | 10:30 pm | Tickets: $15
HOSTED BY: Chantal Marostica
The Bisexual, Lesbian, Transgender sandwich of comedy

SUNDAY, APRIL 10

CBC's The Debaters
Club Regent Event Centre | 2:00 pm | Tickets: $30

"You're Welcome" The Refugee Show
Gas Station Arts Centre | 2:00 pm | Tickets: Free
HOSTED BY: Martha Chaves

"P.W.I." Performing While Indigenous
Gas Station Arts Centre | 4:00 pm | Tickets: Free
HOSTED BY: Rosanna Deerchild

WCF presents: Best of the Fest
Club Regent Event Centre | 7:00 pm | Tickets: $25
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True North buying 'The Burt'

MUSIC

Company says theatre can be among 'coolest places to play'

Braeden Jones
Metro | Winnipeg

The historic Burton Cummings Theatre is (True) North bound.

After assuming control of "The Burt" in April 2014 on a lease arrangement, True North Sports and Entertainment announced Tuesday it is officially buying the building.

"When we negotiated that lease … we had the opportunity to either continue to lease it or elect to purchase it," explained True North senior VP Kevin Donnelly. "We're now in the process of exercising that option (to purchase)."

Donnelly said the move allows True North to "look long term" at the building's future — including major renovations and continuing to fill the booking calendar more each year.

Before True North assumed control, there were around two shows monthly at the old theatre. In True North's first calendar year they hit 54 shows, and Donnelly said they will hit 70 shows by April — the end of their second year of management.

"We can make it far more active," Donnelly said, adding that as one of the "fantastic calling cards for Winnipeg," it deserves the uptick in usage.

"When bands come into Winnipeg … they should rightly rave about their day in the Burton Cummings Theatre," Donnelly said, comparing it to "grand old theatres" like Massey Hall in Toronto or Montreal's Théâtre St-Denis.

"We think this is in that elite status … in the "coolest places to play in North America," he said. "(They) should talk about this like the Beacon Theatre in New York, but nobody has in many years, and we think that we can do better for the building and try to tell that story to more people more often."

> **When bands come into Winnipeg, they should rightly rave about their day at the Burton Cummings Theatre.**
> Kevin Donnelly

And while maintaining the building's character, certain upgrades have to happen in order to keep up with the demand of a fuller booking calendar and more full seats.

Starting with the seats themselves.

The front half of the floor seats have been upgraded already with a "better chair" and three inches more leg room thanks to ditching the orchestra pit.

True North financed those upgrades as the lessor, and has more plans and Donnelly said the purchase is largely about having reached a point of jumping in and saying, "we need to tackle some of these bigger issues."

New air conditioning, a new theatrical lighting system, upgraded green rooms and changerooms, new washrooms, and the rest of the seats by April — but that list isn't exhaustive.

"Elderly buildings like this… just need constant reinvestment small and large," he said.

True North assumed control of the Burton Cummings Theatre in 2014, and has opted to exercise their option to fully purchase the venue. BRAEDEN JONES/METRO

True North won't divulge the details of those investments or their total investment in the 109-year-old theatre or the deal being struck with Walker Theatre Performing Arts Group.

Donnelly's hope is that it will help the building flourish, and improve the vibrancy of Winnipeg's Exchange district.

"We can generate activity for the building, and generate shows for Winnipeg, which helps a long list of people," he said.

Kevin Donnelly, senior VP of True North, compares "The Burt" to other North American venues like Massey Hall in Toronto, or the Théâtre St-Denis in Montreal. BRAEDEN JONES/METRO

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Threat closes apartment

DOWNTOWN

Complex shut down after toy airsoft grenade found

Braeden Jones
Metro | Winnipeg

A false bomb threat shut down part of downtown Winnipeg near Portage Place Tuesday when an airsoft grenade was found in an apartment building.

Before police arrived to investigate the device around 9:45 a.m., the building's caretaker pointed it out to resident Alice McKay.

"I left my apartment and we were going down in the elevator and the caretaker … he (said) 'there's a grenade on the 9th floor,'" McKay recalled while waiting to get into the apartment building, which was cordoned off for most of the morning after being evacuated by fire crews.

Alice McKay speaks to a firefighter Tuesday. BRAEDEN JONES/METRO

"I couldn't believe it right … we went up to look at it, it totally looked fake, but I'm not a specialist of any kind," she said, adding her five-year-old was "pretty convinced it was fake also."

McKay snapped a photo of the small, plastic, grenade-shaped object before leaving for the morning.

> **We went up to look at it, it totally looked fake, but I'm not a specialist.**
> Alice McKay

When she returned, she found her building taped off with police officers and fire fighters telling her there was a "potential bomb threat."

Fire trucks waited on Vaughan Street for the police department's bomb unit to pick up the device, as per protocol and as a precautionary measure, which happened shortly after 12:00 p.m.

Fire Chief Gord Cannell with the Winnipeg Fire Paramedic Service confirmed to media the ninth floor mystery object was a recreational airsoft grenade, which, although not a major threat, could cause minor injuries.

The investigation closed traffic on Webb Place, Vaughan and Balmoral streets.

POLITICS

Manitoba election ramps up with campaign promises

The Manitoba election campaign focused partly on sports Tuesday, as promises were made for fans of soccer and curling.

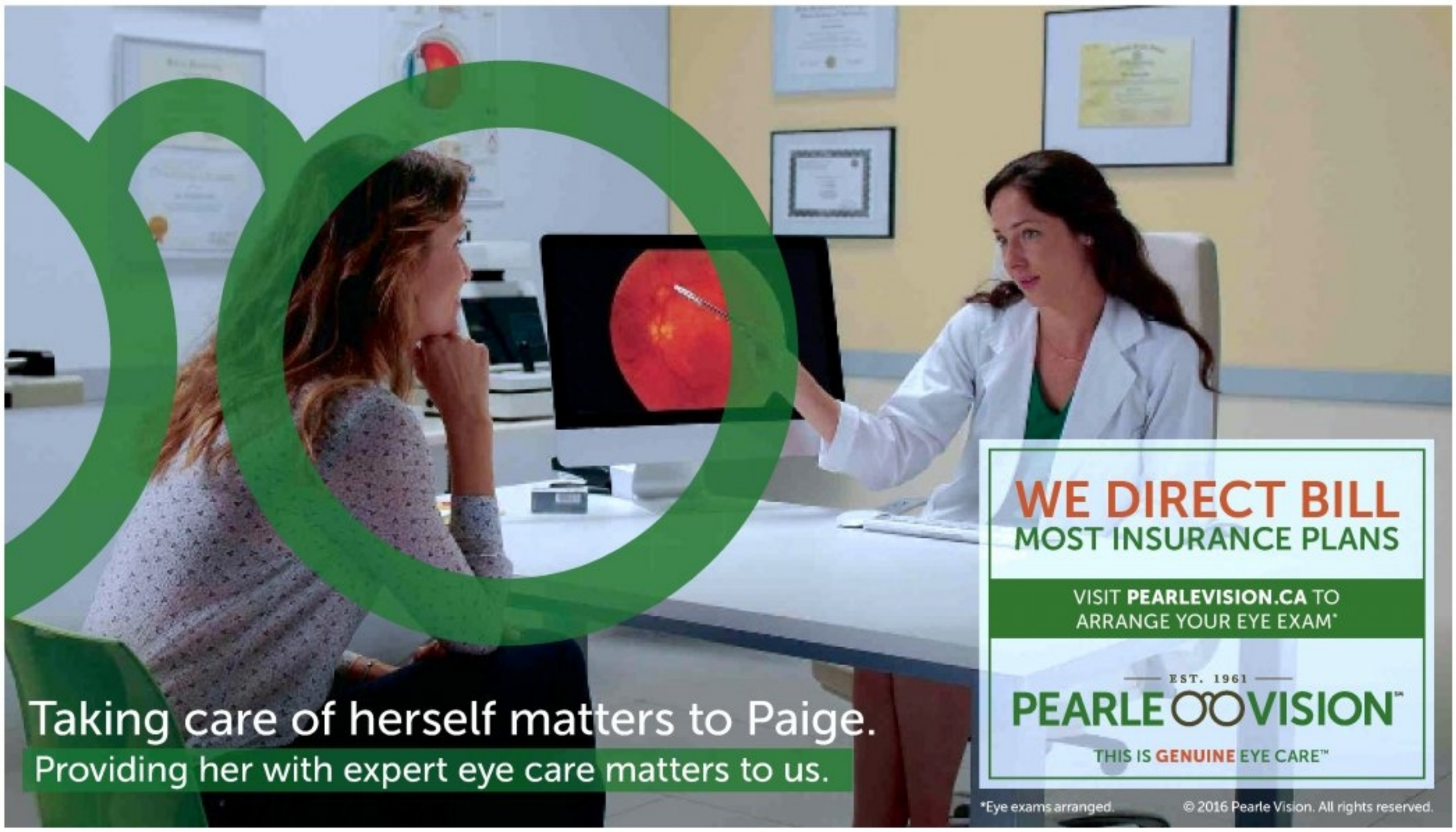
NDP Leader Greg Selinger was in Brandon to promise two new soccer pitches at Assiniboine Community College if he is re-elected April 19.

He also said he would partner with the city to build more fields based on a municipal feasibility study that is underway.

Progressive Conservative Leader Brian Pallister promised to build an international curling centre of excellence in Winnipeg.

The New Democrats also promised to create a 24-hour centre for vulnerable women in downtown Winnipeg.

The Tories promised to add 1,200 new personal care home beds over eight years, to address a backlog that they say currently leaves people waiting for up to six months. THE CANADIAN PRESS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THEY'VE GOT LEGS ZZ TOP STILL HAS IT Lead vocalist Billy Gibbons performs with the band at MTS Centre Tuesday as part of the Hell Raisers Tour. DAVID LIPNOWSKI/FOR METRO

No. 1 fan gets ahead of fame

HOMETOWN HEROES

'Dancing' Gabe Langlois made immortal as a bobblehead

Winnipeg's biggest sports fan, "Dancing" Gabe Langlois, will keep on nodding and dancing forever—now that he's being immortalized in bobblehead form.

The Winnipeg Goldeyes revealed the soon-to-be coveted piece of sports memorabilia Tuesday, announcing it will be given away on the team's Hometown Heroes night on July 13.

Goldeyes owner Sam Katz said "honouring (Langlois) in this way is the least we could do in return for his unconditional loyalty to our local teams."

Diagnosed with autism as a child, Langlois' enthusiasm and dance moves have helped him overcome obstacles to become one of the most recognizable Winnipeggers.

Aside from entertaining the sports community as much as the teams he cheers for, Langlois — who attends more than 100 sporting events in Winnipeg each year — is also heavily involved in helping local charities that support Manitobans with disabilities.

The Hometown Heroes night is the Goldeyes' annual celebration of the city's emergency responders.

The new bobblehead will be given to fans in July as part of the team's Hometown Heroes night. THE WINNIPEG GOLDEYES/HANDOUT

IN BRIEF

Portage and Main subject of consultant's study

The City of Winnipeg will pay $116,000 for a consultant to study the reopening of Portage and Main.

According to the city's materials management records, Dillon Consulting Limited has been hired to complete a transportation study of the historic downtown corner, which has been blocked to pedestrians since the '70s by barricades.

The consultant will study how best to reintroduce foot traffic to the intersection by examining crossing options at up to four of its corners and determining potential impacts on traffic flow.

Several options were pitched in a 2014 administrative report, which recommended against a pedestrian scramble — a type of marked crossing that halts traffic for pedestrians to cross in any direction.

This study will examine remaining options and include design work and cost estimates to reopen the intersection. STEPHANIE TAYLOR/METRO

Funeral planned for toddler

A funeral is planned for two-year-old Chase Martens, whose body was discovered in a creek on Saturday. A service will be held at MacGregor Sommerfeld Mennonite Church Wednesday afternoon. A wake and burial will follow later in the week in Grand Rapids. RCMP said the boy wandered from his yard near Austin, Man. last Tuesday night. An autopsy found he drowned. His disappearance prompted an exhaustive search by police and volunteers. CTV WINNIPEG

Seven dead in plane crash

MAGDALEN ISLANDS

Ex-cabinet minister and family among the victims

Former federal cabinet minister Jean Lapierre was among seven people killed in a plane that crashed as it was trying to land in Quebec's Magdalen Islands.

The TVA network, Lapierre's employer, confirmed that the former Liberal transport minister who went on to prominence as a political analyst on television and radio, was on the plane.

A local Magdalen Islands radio station, CFIM, reported that Lapierre's wife, his sister, his two brothers and an aunt were also killed in the crash—information that the Star could not independently confirm.

Lapierre noted on Twitter Monday that his 83-year-old father had just died after a battle with Parkinson's disease. He was travelling back to the island in the Gulf of St. Lawrence for the funeral.

A small plane crashed in a field in Havre-aux-Maison on Quebec's Isle-de-la-Madeleine on Tuesday.
TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

The Surete du Quebec confirmed Tuesday afternoon that all those on board the turbo-prop airplane died. Benoit Leblanc, a supervisor with Ambulance Leblanc, said in an interview with radio station FM93 that six of the passengers were dead by the time that paramedics arrived at the scene of the accident.

A seventh person survived long enough to be transported to hospital but died from their injuries, Leblanc said.

The airplane, a Mitsubishi MU-2B-60 Turbo-prop, crashed just north of the island's airport, the Transportation Safety Board said in a news release. The agency, which investigates all air, marine and rail accidents, has dispatched a team of investigators to the crash site.

TSB spokesperson Chris Krepski said that the team of investigators would have departed Tuesday for the crash site, but weather conditions were so bad that they were prevented from travelling until Wednesday.

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JEAN LAPIERRE

Tributes pour in

Tributes poured in Tuesday for ex-federal cabinet minister Jean Lapierre following his death in a plane crash in eastern Quebec.

Jean Lapierre

Many well-known Quebec journalists posted messages on social media during the day, begging Lapierre to say something to deny rumours he was on board the plane.

"He was above all a communicator," said Montreal Mayor Denis Coderre. "He could say a lot in a few words."

"An utter shock to learn of the death of Jean Lapierre and many family members," tweeted NDP Leader Tom Mulcair.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Tenant shocked by Airbnb listing

Emily Jackson
Metro | Vancouver

When Theresa Mansell and her two roommates got an email from their landlord in mid-February stating they had to vacate their Burnaby, B.C. home so his family could move in, they were disappointed and made plans to leave at the end of March.

But they were suspicious about the reason for their eviction since a few weeks earlier, a photographer showed up to take photographs of the house for Airbnb, Mansell told Metro. At the time, the landlord assured them he was only listing the basement suite, not the upper level of the house they rented for $2,100 on a month-to-month lease.

"We ended up looking online and finding the ad for our actual place," said Mansell, a 24-year-old Emily Carr University student who is stressed about moving during final exams. "We were shocked and pretty angry about it."

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TERROR

No more 'normal' in Brussels

Police and soldiers at the entrance to Brussels' airport.
AFP/GETTY IMAGES

Belgium's justice minister pleaded Tuesday for critics of Belgium's intelligence failures to focus on the hunt for those behind last week's Brussels attacks and November's massacre in Paris.

Investigators say they are still looking for at least one suspect in the attacks seven days ago, when suicide bombers killed 32 people.

Belgium has faced rising international criticism over its evident inability to identify and monitor Daesh activists living in the capital who have been deemed responsible both for the March 22 bombings in Brussels and the Nov. 13 attacks on Paris nightspots that left 130 dead.

Brussels Mayor Yvan Mayeur, who faces criticism for his own actions before and after the suicide bombings, said there is "no such thing as 'normal' anymore." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MIGRANTS TENSIONS HIGH AT GREEK BORDER AS PROTESTS CONTINUE
Migrant children look from inside a rail car near a makeshift refugee camp at the northern Greek border point of Idomeni, Greece, on Tuesday. More than 15,000 people are refusing to move to government-built shelters around the country. DARKO VOJINOVIC/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Hijacking of flight ends peacefully

EGYPT

'Unstable' man was wearing fake explosives, officials say

An Egyptian wearing a fake explosives belt who hijacked a domestic EgyptAir flight and forced it to land in Cyprus on Tuesday surrendered and was taken into custody after releasing all passengers and crew unharmed following an hours-long standoff.

Officials said early on that the hijacking was not an act of terrorism, and later that the man appeared to be psychologically unstable. However, the incident was likely to renew concerns about Egyptian airport security months after a Russian passenger plane was downed over the Sinai Peninsula in a bombing claimed by Daesh.

"From the start, it was clear that this wasn't an act of terrorism, and despite the fact that the individual appeared to be dangerous in terms of his behaviour, we understood that this was a psychologically unstable person," Cyprus' Foreign Minister Ioannis Kasoulides told reporters.

He said the man initially asked to speak with his Cypriot ex-wife, who police brought to the airport.

"After that, he started asking for European Union representatives to assure him about matters that had no logical basis," Kasoulides said.

At one point the hijacker demanded the release of women held in Egyptian prisons, but he then dropped the demand and made others. "His demands made no sense or were too incoherent to be taken seriously," the minister said.

Egypt's Interior Ministry identified the hijacker as 58-year-old Seif Eddin Mustafa. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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EMPLOYMENT

Liberal budget fails to help jobless youth

A notable Liberal election pledge designed to encourage employers to hire young people failed to make the cut in last week's federal budget.

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau vowed during last year's campaign to offer a 12-month holiday on employment insurance premiums to employers who give permanent jobs to people aged 18-24.

The promise, announced in September by Trudeau himself, was supposed to come into force this year and extend through 2017 and 2018, but it didn't receive a mention in the budget.

During the campaign, Trudeau noted that the Chrétien Liberals did something similar in the late 1990s "to tremendously positive effect."

Last month, the country's unemployment rate for youth aged 15 to 24 was 13.3 per cent, compared to 7.3 per cent for people 15 and over.

The pledge would have also provided financial relief for potential bosses by waiving their EI contributions.

The Liberals estimated the total savings for employers would have been $80 million this year, $80 million in 2017 and $60 million in 2018.

Government officials did not immediately respond to questions Tuesday as to why the policy was absent from the budget or whether it will be introduced in the future.

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Justin Trudeau discusses the budget in Toronto on March 24.
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Struggle to find skills

TECH

Wanted: Web developers and coders

Three years ago, Erik Dohnberg was working at the Genius Bar at an Apple store in London, Ont.

He'd been there for 10 months after graduating with an information and media studies degree from Western University when he decided he wanted more.

With the intention of starting up his own business, Dohnberg signed up for a nine-week boot camp at Bitmaker Labs, a web developer training school in Toronto.

Within two weeks of completing the boot camp, Dohnberg had 16 job interviews and received two job offers. One of them was from Bitmaker Labs.

Tech skills programs like the ones at Bitmaker Labs have been sprouting up over the past few years in response to a tech talent shortage in Canada. It's a problem that has been bubbling to the surface, as more startups open up shop and try to recruit from an already-small pool of Canadian coders and developers.

A report released earlier this month by the Information and Communications Technology Council estimates that 218,000 tech jobs will be created in Canada by 2020. It warns that it could cost the economy billions of dollars in lost productivity, tax revenues and GDP if Canada doesn't address the tech skills gap.

At Bitmaker, courses range from weekend boot camps to an intensive nine-week course for $9,000. The school believes anyone can learn how to code and its students include everyone from college and university dropouts to ex-engineers, investment bankers and skilled labourers. Bitmaker has also enrolled computer engineer and science graduates looking to update their skills.

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HIRING

Talent shortage means university not required

Before Hired launched in Toronto last November, nearly 27,000 people and more than 280 companies applied for the online service that matches job seekers with gigs in the tech sector.

About five per cent of applicants are approved to use Hired's services, and it usually charges firms 15 per cent of a new employee's first-year salary for each successful hire.

To Matt Mickiewicz, the company's co-founder and chief product officer, the high interest signals a problem — the jobs are there, but there are too few qualified candidates to fill them.

Canada's tech companies are in stiff competition for retaining top prospects. Organizations are struggling to find qualified applicants.

One of the top challenges for many is attracting and recruiting employees, according to an ICTC survey where more than 53 per cent of respondents identified it as a problem.

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URBAN ETIQUETTE ELLEN VANSTONE

THE QUESTION

My date had a poppy seed in her teeth during breakfast, but I didn't say anything in case I embarrassed her. Should I have said something?

Dear Ellen,

I was on a date recently, with a woman I met online. Actually it was the morning after, and it was breakfast. She had a poppy seed from a bagel stuck in her teeth, which was really noticeable, but I didn't say anything in case I embarrassed her. Then I thought, if she notices it in the mirror later, she'll be embarrassed anyway. Should I have said something?

R.D., Edmonton

Dear R.D.,

Your letter, like so many letters I get, raises all kinds of questions that may or may not have to do with etiquette — but which are fascinating nonetheless.

For example, you say you were on a "date," but I think we may fairly assume you had a night of sex that led to a "morning after." To some people, that might qualify as a relationship already. Others might call it a one-night stand. Your use of the rather quaint word "date" puts the encounter somewhere between the two.

You also fail to indicate whether it was a first date, or the 20th time you've been out with this person, and — if closer to the latter — at what point sexual congress began.

Finally, you specify that you "met online." It makes me wonder whether you approach online dates differently from IRL setups. Should one? Hmm, if the dates are being arranged via Ashley Madison or a BDSM site, then perhaps one should.

You should always say something when your companion has food in their teeth. ... The trick is to do it quickly and jovially.

What exactly is your relationship with this person? It's all very confusing.

Not the etiquette part. That's easy. The answer is yes, you should always say something when your companion has food in their teeth, or something hanging out of their nose, or their shirt buttons are gaping open to expose a brassiere, or they have a wire coat hanger dangling off the belt of their jacket, which I once had to point out to a roommate as she raced off to a job interview. I noticed the hanger as she ran out the door, and called out to her: "Stop! Come back!" This made her miss her bus, be late for the interview, and not get the job, which she still blames me for. But I maintain that if she showed up with the hanger on her belt, she wouldn't have got the job anyway.

Are there any exceptions to this rule? Yes, if you meet the Queen of England and she has food in her teeth, you may safely assume she has enough advisors around her to deal with the situation, and save yourself the trouble and discomfort of pointing it out. The same goes with dictators, muggers or your boss during a performance review. Whilst at the mercy of someone who has the power to end your life or career, it is acceptable to put your own social comfort before theirs.

In your encounter with your date, however, mentioning the poppy seed as soon as you noticed it would have been the considerate thing to do. To minimize embarrassment for either of you, the trick is to do it quickly and jovially (as if it's a funny, cute thing), and not in a low, embarrassed murmur (as if it's a horrifying, shameful thing).

And then, R.D., get on with your date, or relationship, or online hookup, or whatever it is you are doing with this woman, just so long as you continue to do so with good manners.

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Rob Ford's dismal LGBT record needs to be remembered

Rob Salerno
For Metro

It's not surprising that in the wake of Rob Ford's death, commentators from all corners are rushing to forgive or explain away the former mayor's many personal failings.

But while pundits have occasionally contorted themselves into logical pretzels to explain away Ford's casual racism and misogyny — "He was just drunk!" "He always fights for the little guy!" — none has ever been able to explain away his deliberate and calculated anti-LGBT statements and actions.

Ford never hid anti-LGBT animus. From his earliest days on council, when he opposed funding small grants to diversity and AIDS-prevention campaigns, he made it explicit that his opposition stemmed from disgust with LGBT people, not from a desire to protect the public purse.

"I have no problem giving money out to physically or mentally handicapped children or seniors, but spending $5,000 on this video is disgusting," Ford said of an educational video about homosexuality in the South Asian community in 2001.

"If you're not doing needles and you're not gay, you won't get AIDS, probably," is another Ford classic that reveals not only shocking ignorance about AIDS, but a cavalier attitude toward the lives of gays and (ironically) drug users.

As mayor, Ford's opposition to the existence of LGBT people in the city intensified. The dispiriting annual game of will-he-or-won't-he-march-in-Pride provided his allies with a convenient set of excuses — it was about the city money given to Pride, and besides, he was spending time with his family — but through four years in office, he systematically avoided any opportunity to meet with the LGBT community in an official capacity.

When the city protocol office decided to raise the Pride flag at city hall during the 2014 Sochi Olympics to support LGBT Russians and athletes, Ford protested loudly and demanded it come down. Later that year, he made it a point to remain seated as council stood to congratulate the success of World Pride.

Beyond these symbolic gestures, Ford cast the lone vote on council against a report that recommended increased supports for homeless LGBT youth.

Ford's homophobia wasn't just a private matter, either. His "Nation" included a contingent of homophobes who ate up his provocations and responded with occasional violence toward LGBT people.

While the community stood firm and fought back, Ford's campaign to diminish the lives and dignity of LGBT people in Toronto should not be forgotten.

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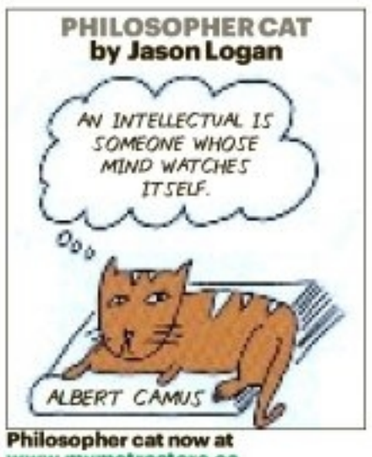

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3 GRILLED CHEESE TAKE IT TO THE NEXT LEVEL

Not that there needs to be a reason to celebrate, but April is National Grilled Cheese Month and Canada makes some of the best cheese (and bread) in the world. So if you're going to make a grilled cheese, treat the ingredients with respect. We got you covered, from the scientifically proven way to make the best cheese toast to two more adventurous flavour combinations. Trust us, it's gonna be Gouda. **PHOTOS AND TEXT BY TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

1 The scientifically proven perfect cheese toast

In an unexpected example of corporate synergy, the 175-year-old Royal Society of Chemistry, a U.K.-based non-profit of international chemical scientists, and the British Cheese Board came up with the formula for creating the perfect slice of cheese toast in August 2013. Head chemist Ruth Neale described the perfect slice thusly:

"As the result of tests we carried out in our Chemistry Centre kitchen, we found that the perfect slice can be made by melting 50 g of sliced hard cheese, such as cheddar, on a slice of white bread, 10 mm thick, under the grill. The cheese on toast should sit at a distance of 18 cm from the heat source — which in our grill was at a temperature of 115C — and needs to cook for four minutes to achieve the perfect consistency and taste."

Here's what it means for non-scientists:

Step 1: Put 50 grams of medium sharp cheddar on a slice of 1-cm-thick white sandwich bread.

Step 2: Place bread on a lined pan in the oven. Make sure the bread is 18 cm under the heating element.

Step 3: Broil for four minutes at 240F (115C), or the low setting (our cheese didn't start bubbling until the seven-minute mark, since oven temperatures can vary depending on the make and model).

Step 4: Eat it.

Verdict: Never doubt science. The slice of cheese was smaller than the slice of bread but once it melted, the gooey cheese melted perfectly to reach the four corners of the slice.

I thought that the bread would be too thin, since a regular slice of Wonder Bread is thicker than 1 cm but it acted as the perfect vehicle for the cheese.

The bread was crisp but not burnt so it didn't overshadow the flavour of the bubbly cheese. While turning on the broiler and breaking out the digital scale to measure cheese is a big production for toast, it is good to know of the potential deliciousness that could be had.

2 Zythologue and Apple Curry

Fans of a more pungent cheese should try this sandwich pairing by Toronto's Roncesvalles neighbourhood beloved fromagerie Thin Blue Line. **Makes 1 sandwich.**

Ingredients

- 2 thick slices sourdough
- Room temperature salted butter
- 3/4 cup grated Zythologue or raclette
- 1 Tbsp apple curry chutney or any fruit-based chutney

Directions

1. Butter both sides of bread. Sprinkle one slice with cheese and chutney and sandwich other bread slice on top.

2. Grill on a skillet over medium heat on both sides until bread is golden brown and cheese has melted. Serve immediately.

3 Beijing Grilled Cheese

Kevin Durkee owner of Toronto's Cheesewerks suggests making his Beijing grilled cheese that pairs Asiago with Chinese barbecue pork. **Makes 1 sandwich.**

Ingredients

- Room temperature unsalted butter, for buttering bread
- 2 thick slices herb and onion sourdough, or plain sourdough
- 1 cup shredded Asiago
- 6 thin slices Chinese barbecue pork
- 2 green onion shoots, thinly sliced
- Hoisin sauce, to taste

Directions

1. Butter outside sides of bread. Layer one slice with pulled pork, cheddar and cucumber. Add mustard. Top with other slice of bread.

2. On a grill pan over medium heat, sear sandwich for 4 minutes on each side until cheese has melted. Cut sandwich in half and serve immediately.

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This salmon salad is pretty in pink

RECIPE

A light and herby option for warmer weather

Nothing quite tastes of spring like a salmon salad.

It's light and pretty and herby, and when you add pasta it becomes a real meal. It's also quite portable, so you'll want to think of this when you're envisioning lunch at your desk the next day, or when you're invited to a potluck event.

And talk about easy to make. Poach the salmon. Boil the pasta. Puree dressing. Dump everything together and you're good.

You can speed chill the salmon by popping it in the freezer for a few minutes.

But if you have more time, you certainly could poach the salmon the night before and refrigerate it until ready. Likewise, the pasta also could be cooled briefly in the freezer, spread in an even layer on a rimmed baking sheet (or similarly prepped the day before).

Some people really, really love cilantro, and some people really, really hate it.

MAKE IT TONIGHT
Takes 30 minutes.
Serves 6.

It's actually a genetic thing. For some people, it tastes soapy or otherwise unpleasant.

So this recipe — with its creamy cilantro dressing — clearly is for the lovers, and not the dish to make if you're not sure about your audience. But if you'd rather lose the cilantro, feel free to substitute fresh basil.

Pasta salad with salmon and creamy cilantro dressing

Start to finish: 30 minutes
Servings: 6

Ingredients:

- 2-lb salmon fillet, bones removed
- Kosher salt
- 1 lb cavatelli or elbow pasta

For the cilantro sauce:

- 1 cup fresh cilantro leaves, plus extra to garnish
- 1/4 cup minced shallots
- 1 tsp Dijon mustard
- 1/2 cup mayonnaise
- 1/4 cup plain Greek yogurt (or another 1/4 cup mayonnaise)
- 2 Tbsp heavy cream
- Pinch cayenne pepper
- Ground black pepper

Directions:

1. Set the salmon in a large sauté pan. If needed, cut the salmon into 2 pieces. Add cold water to just cover.

2. Season with 2 teaspoons salt, then bring to a boil. Immediately turn off the heat, cover the pot and let the salmon sit for 10 minutes. After 10 minutes, transfer the salmon to a plate and set in the freezer to cool.

3. Meanwhile, bring a large pot of salted water to a boil. Add the pasta and cook according to package directions, then drain. Rinse under cold water to cool. Set aside to drain.

4. Meanwhile, in a food processor or blender combine the cilantro, shallots, Dijon, mayonnaise, yogurt, cream and cayenne. Puree until smooth, then season with salt and pepper.

5. When the salmon is chilled, remove the skin, if necessary, and break the flesh into bite-sized chunks.

6. In a large bowl, combine the pasta, cilantro sauce and salmon, then toss gently to combine. Garnish with additional cilantro leaves.

Nutrition information per serving: 710 calories; 290 calories from fat (41 per cent of total calories); 33 g fat (8 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 90 mg cholesterol; 380 mg sodium; 59 g carbohydrate; 3 g fiber; 3 g sugar; 41 g protein.

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This salmon pasta salad serves six. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

What happens when 'It' goes on sale

STYLE

I'm a grown woman and I went bananas over a bag

Irene Kuan
Metro | Canada

I'm a level-headed, mature woman, but for a few minutes on the morning of March 29, I turned into a hyper-crazed, foaming-at-the-mouth maniac — for a handbag.

Touted as the bag to have by the international fashion gods, the black bucket bag with the red "flamma" interior by the little-known, yet notoriously hard-to-get brand Mansur Gavriel, has been on my must-have list for more than a year.

I've never managed to snag one, though, and I seethe with jealousy whenever I see a woman carrying one.

Mansur Gavriel, an American fashion house founded by designing duo Rachel Mansur and Floriana Gavriel, came to the attention of the media in 2013, and has continued to make a bigger splash on the fashion scene with each new collection, including at the latest New York fashion week in February.

Called the first post-recession "it" bag by Business of Fashion in early 2015, Mansur Gavriel's bucket bag has reached such cult status that the company headed to court earlier this month to fight back against copycats.

I needed this bag. I didn't care about the cost, or my composure. I was obsessed.

I counted down the minutes to 11 a.m. EST, PayPal account logged in and credit cards in hand. I had my boyfriend and a friend on standby in case anything went wrong (if you've tried buying a Mansur Gavriel online in the past, you'll know what I'm talking about).

Everything went wrong.

My black bucket bag was in the shopping cart, but my credit card was declined over and over again.

Seconds ticked by as the "sold out" slash marks began appearing over each sought-after bag.

My heart began to sink, but then my friend texted. She got one! Then my boyfriend — he got one too!

So now I have not just one but TWO Mansur Gavriel bags. Price tag for both: $1,250 US.

Had I gone bananas?

Maybe I fell for the genius way the fashion brand marketed their product, playing up the small-batch, high-quality production of the Italian-made bags, teasing us for weeks with the tiny, online sales window.

But then I looked at Mansur Gavriel's Facebook page, as it filled up with angry comments from throngs of disappointed shoppers.

See, it is THAT hard to get, I thought. And I got not one, but TWO. Score.

"I needed this bag. I didn't care about the cost, or my composure.

Metro's Irene Kuan scored not one, but two coveted Mansur Gavriel bags.
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REVIEW

Rogue great for cruising, but acceleration is sluggish

Jil McIntosh
For Metro Canada

When you're shopping, there is no perfect vehicle. Instead, it comes down to measuring the pros and cons — what you love, what you don't, and what you can live with — to come up with the right one.

That's what I did with the Nissan Rogue. There are some things it could certainly do better, but overall, I could live with this little trucklet.

It was completely redesigned back in 2014, a makeover that solved its interior-space inadequacies, especially the cramped rear seat.

It's now quite roomy inside despite its compact exterior dimensions.

You can even get a third row of seats, although I've never tried squeezing into one and don't imagine it would be pleasant.

My two-row version included a configurable cargo tray that can be lifted to hide valuables, dropped to accommodate taller items, or flipped up to keep grocery bags from sliding around.

The Rogue uses a 2.5-litre four-cylinder, mated strictly to an automatic continuously-variable transmission (CVT).

Its performance is fine once you're at cruising speed, but acceleration to get there is noisy and sluggish.

The ride is quiet and smooth, but I'd like more steering feel. All-wheel drive, optional on the two lower trim levels and standard on the top-line SL, primarily runs the front wheels but sends power to the rear ones when needed.

It can also be locked 50/50 at low speeds to get out of snow or mud.

There's a wide step over the sill. Once you're inside, the seats are very comfortable. And I love this: the seatbelt adjuster slides down farther than on anything else I've ever driven, so it doesn't choke shorter drivers.

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The Rogue's starting price of $24,948 puts it mid-range with most competitors. My tester was the new SV Special trim, a version of the mid-range SV but $1,000 less since it lacks the SV's panoramic sunroof — a nice alternative if, like me, you want creature comforts but don't care for a glass top.

It's all part of choosing the vehicle that isn't perfect, but is ideal for you.

THE CHECKLIST | 2016 NISSAN ROGUE

THE BASICS

Type. Four-door, five-passenger compact SUV
Engines (hp/torque). 2.5-litre four-cylinder (170/175)
Transmissions. Continuously variable (CVT)
Price. $24,948 - $35,548; as-tested $29,548 (plus destination)

COOL FEATURES

- Configurable cargo compartment
- Sliding and reclining second-row seats
- Satellite radio
- Available blind spot warning and emergency braking
- Easy-Fill tire pressure system
- Hill start assist
- Available power liftgate

ROGUE PHOTOS JIL MCINTOSH/FOR METRO; ALL OTHERS HANDOUT

POINTS

- The rear-view camera has a limited view and is mainly for judging curbs when parking; the bird's-eye camera on higher trims is far superior.
- The Rogue has been in the top-ten list of best-selling SUVs and light trucks in Canada for 19 consecutive months.

MARKET POSITION

Nissan offers the Rogue and Juke in the compact SUV/CUV segment. The Juke's more fun to drive, but it's smaller and its styling isn't to all tastes, leaving the Rogue to appeal to a more mainstream audience.

THE COMPETITION

Ford Escape
Base price: $24,199

Toyota RAV4
Base price: $25,240

Honda CR-V
Base price: $26,190

SUV reimagined as 'personal sanctuary'

LINCOLN NAVIGATOR SUV

Concept lighter, but still a behemoth

Lincoln unveiled a concept version of its Navigator full-size SUV with the help of spokesperson and actor Matthew McConaughey, ahead of the New York International Auto Show. FORD/CONTRIBUTED

A spacious lounge on wheels.

That's Ford Motor Co.'s vision for the Lincoln Navigator SUV, due for its first major redesign in a decade. With help from actor and spokesman Matthew McConaughey, the brand unveiled a concept version of the vehicle recently at the New York International Auto Show.

The Navigator will drop some weight, helping fuel economy, but will still be a behemoth at more than 17-feet long. Executives say engineers took steps to erase what Navigator customers didn't like and accentuate what they did.

By watching customers, engineers found that people wanted to relax in their SUVs with less complexity. So they tried to create a "personal sanctuary" with large but supportive seats and a spacious feel. They made the dashboard less cluttered with only essential information such as vehicle speed on the display. Other information, such as the identity of a phone caller or a song on the radio, fades away after the first showing.

David Woodhouse, design director for the Lincoln brand, said they went for "a beautiful lounge-like space for the occupants."

Lincoln has largely missed the luxury big SUV boom that happened in part because of cheap gasoline. The brand sold only about 12,000 Navigators last year while its main competitor, General Motors' Cadillac brand, sold almost 36,000 Escalades. The Navigator, based on truck underpinnings, has been updated but not completely revamped since 2006.

Kumar Galhotra, president of the Lincoln brand, expects the new vehicle to capture a bigger chunk of the market now dominated by GM.

Galhotra wouldn't comment on expectations that the new Navigator will have an aluminum body like Ford F-150, which is 700 pounds lighter than the model it replaced.

The new model needs to be lighter to meet federal fuel economy standards. No gas mileage or weight figures for the new vehicle were released Wednesday.

The new Navigator will be smaller than the current extra-length version, but bigger than the standard model, which is 17.3 feet in length.

The current standard model weighs 2.9 tons.

McConaughey made a short appearance on stage with executives, walking next to the Navigator and speaking briefly about it. Ford CEO Mark Fields attributed the brand's recent sales increases in part to McConaughey.

Second- and third-row passengers get video screens behind the headrests that are a foot wide. Drivers can show their faces on the screens and communicate with the back-seat passengers without turning around or yelling.

The SUV also will get a twin-turbo version of Ford's 3.5-litre V6 engine with over 400 horsepower. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

DIFFERENCE

What won't make it

One feature on the concept Navigator won't survive in the production version that comes late next year: huge gull-wing doors that cover the first two rows of seats. They're too heavy and tough to work in real life.

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Presidents' Trophy not Caps' main Cup concern

LEAGUE'S BEST

Historic regular season merely 'a nice thing to happen'

Braden Holtby's 46 wins in 61 games this season have helped the Capitals secure top spot in the standings with seven games to go. PATRICK SMITH/GETTY IMAGES

Players can't drink out of the Presidents' Trophy, given to the top regular-season team in the NHL. Not that the Washington Capitals would want to, anyway.

The Capitals clinched the Presidents' Trophy and home-ice advantage throughout the Stanley Cup playoffs with a victory Monday night against the Columbus Blue Jackets. Yet after so many early playoff exits, including a first-round loss in 2010 after finishing with the most points in the league, there are mixed emotions about the achievement.

"Honestly, no one really cares about the Presidents' Trophy," defenceman Karl Alzner said. "It's more of a nice thing to happen. We're happy about it, but that wasn't the goal at the beginning of the year."

Finishing with the most points in the league — and wrapping that up with six games remaining — is nothing to sneeze at. Washington has skated circles around the rest of the NHL and is the favourite to win the Cup.

The memory of six years ago is sobering for the six players left from that group, including captain Alex Ovechkin and all-star centre Nicklas Backstrom. The 2009-10 Capitals were prohibitive favourites until they ran into hot goaltender Jaroslav Halak in the first round and lost in seven games to the Montreal Canadiens.

Backstrom certainly hasn't forgotten about that when considering what winning the Presidents' Trophy means to this year's team.

"It doesn't mean anything, to be honest with you," Backstrom said. "It's good to have home-ice advantage through the playoffs, but at the same time it doesn't matter. It doesn't even mean anything because we lost the last time in the first round when we won the Presidents' Trophy."

At 29-7-2, the Capitals have the best home record in hockey, so home ice at Verizon Center is a valuable commodity. Alzner pointed to the first-round series against the New York Islanders last season and said not having home-ice could have cost them.

It's no guarantee for success. But if Washington comes out of the Eastern Conference, it'll be able to match lines against the champion from the deep West, and that's no small advantage.

"In the playoffs, it seems like everything is so even," said T.J. Oshie, who spent the past seven seasons with the St. Louis Blues, one of the front-runners to emerge from the West. "There are so many one-goal games, or one-goal games with an empty-netter, or overtime games, that I think you just get a little bit more (of an) advantage in a seven-game series with the second (line) change. I think that's really important, especially when you want to match on other teams' key guys."

With the start of the playoffs more than two weeks away, the Capitals are trying to shift into that mode. And while they didn't celebrate the Presidents' Trophy, there was a moment to pause and recognize the accomplishment.

"I think the guys recognize it and they do take some joy in it," coach Barry Trotz said. "There's not going to be a champagne party or anything like that. I think there's a sense of fulfilment that we said we're going to do some things, we accomplished them so far and we've still got some things to accomplish." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Only eight of 29 Presidents' Trophy winners have won the Stanley Cup, most recently the 2013 Chicago Blackhawks. Three lost in the final, seven lost in the conference final, six in the second round and six in the first round.

CONCUSSIONS

Emails show NHL concern

Unsealed NHL documents in the concussion lawsuit brought by former players reveal an internal debate by league officials over head injuries and a deeper concern about the impact of fighting than what has been publicly shared by NHL leadership.

Spokesman Frank Brown said Tuesday the league's stance has not changed from commissioner Gary Bettman's comments during all-star weekend. Bettman said then that the release of the "out of context" documents would be "a distraction at best" and "not impact the merits of the case."

The material was obtained by The Associated Press from counsel for the plaintiffs and was first reported by TSN.

More than 100 former NHL players have joined the class action against the league over its handling of concussions.

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"I certainly hope that the NHL is thinking both of its responsibility towards its players and to the example of so many young people who look to the NHL as a dream.

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau

MLB

Harvey on course for opening start

New York Mets ace Matt Harvey remains on track to start Sunday night's opener at Kansas City after passing a blood clot in his bladder.

He started to feel discomfort Sunday and said it worsened through the night. Harvey reported the issue to Mets staff on Monday and he was the lone player not to travel to Jupiter, Florida, for an exhibition game against St. Louis.

Matt Harvey GETTY IMAGES

Harvey, who had a bandage on his right hand and a hospital bracelet on his left wrist, said he will not have to undergo further tests or procedures.

Harvey was 13-8 with a 2.71 ERA in 29 starts last year after missing 2014 while recovering from Tommy John surgery.

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MMA IN BRIEF

UFC unveils Ottawa venue

The UFC has added six Canadian fighters to its June 18 card at The Arena at TD Place in Ottawa.

The the card's main event was previously announced — No. 1 welterweight contender Rory MacDonald against No. 2 Stephen Thompson — but the venue was not made public until Tuesday.

The UFC plans two more cards in Canada this year, including one pay-per-view. Calgary, Toronto and Vancouver are in the mix for the shows. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Jones jailed on violation

Former UFC light heavyweight champion Jon Jones, who trains in Albuquerque, N.M., has been booked into the county jail for a probation violation.

The arrest stems from traffic citations he received last week.

Jail records show he was being held Tuesday without bond.

It was unclear when he will appear before a judge.

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CFL

Jon Gott signs deal with Redblacks

Offensive lineman Jon Gott signed a two-year contract extension with the Ottawa Redblacks on Tuesday.

The deal takes Gott through the 2018 season.

Gott, 30, helped Ottawa reach the Grey Cup last year. The Redblacks acquired the bearded lineman from the Calgary Stampeders for the rights to offensive lineman Marwan Hage and the first overall pick in the 2014 CFL draft.

"Jon has been the anchor of our offensive line from Day 1," Ottawa general manager Marcel Desjardins said in a statement.

"His contributions to the Redblacks both on and off the field have been tremendous and to be able to secure his services through the 2018 season is great news for our team and our city."

Gott, an Edmonton native, said it was an easy decision to re-sign in Ottawa.

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RECIPE Spaghetti with Pancetta and Spinach

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Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

You already know pasta is an easy way to tackle dinner but this dish is not only fast but it's packed with flavor. Thank you, pancetta.

Ready in
Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 15 minutes

Ingredients
- 250 g spaghetti
- 1/3 cup oil, divided
- 1 clove garlic
- 1/2 cup diced pancetta
- 5 oz. fresh spinach
- 1 cup fresh shaved asiago cheese

Directions

1. Bring a pot of heavily salted water (it should taste like the ocean) to boil and add pasta; cook according to package directions.

2. Heat a large skillet over medium heat and then add a tablespoon of oil. Add garlic and cook for about 1 minute, until fragrant. Add pancetta and cook until browned. Adjust the heat to low and then stir in the spinach and allow it to wilt.

3. Once pasta is done, add to the pan with spinach along with the remaining oil and stir. Sprinkle pasta with asiago cheese. Remove pasta from heat and serve.

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CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

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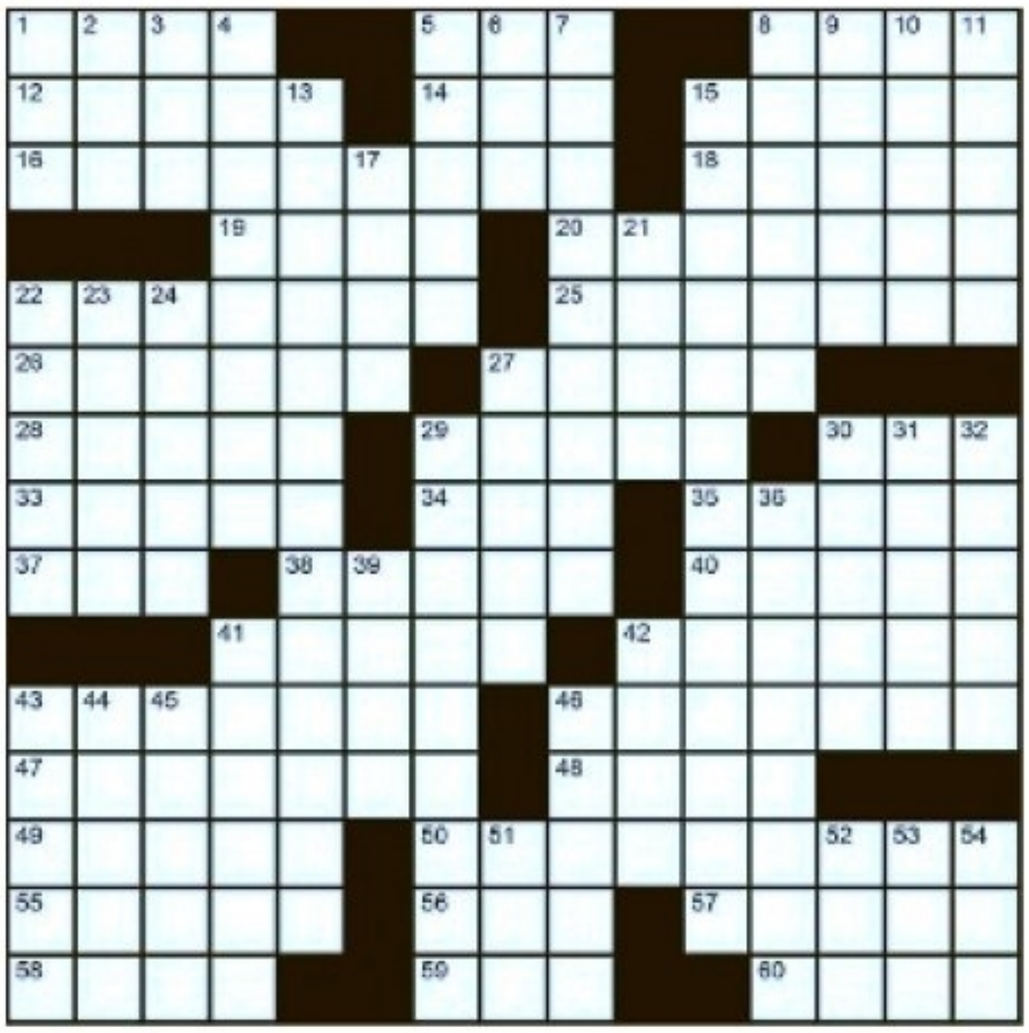

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1. Mr. Clayton of U2
5. City ride
8. Legally fair
12. Canadian eyewear chain, __ Optical
14. Cuckoo bird
15. Del __ (Canned fruit brand)
16. Tilted up against: 2 wds.
18. Variety of flower
19. Nylons nuisance
20. Store employee at the counter
22. Married Canadian hosts of #15-Down, __ and Dave Wilson
25. Miss Havisham's ward
26. Islands of Portugal
27. French __ (Fast food order)
28. Don Juan types
29. Cloudiness of vision
30. "Star Trek: Voyager" role
33. English speaker, for short
34. Quebec flag symbol, Fleur-de-__
35. Unfresh, as bread
37. Golfing prop
38. Contaminate
40. Western movie
41. Blue Rodeo's "__ Hit Me Yet"
42. "The __" (Steve Carell series)
43. Scattered
46. Seats for Miss Muffet
47. Muse of comedy in Greek myth, and her namesakes
48. Strait of Belle __
49. Comic actress Ms. Wilson
50. Divide, as with a wall
55. Have __ of one's own
56. Be in debt
57. Fried foods coating, perhaps
58. "__ Dinah" by Frankie Avalon
59. Writer Mr. Lawrence, et al.
60. Skim

DOWN
1. Hamilton Bulldogs org.
2. Actor, Daniel __ Kim
3. Alias, e.g.
4. Troubadour
5. Loose fitting
6. One, in Mexico
7. Most earnest
8. Teasingly jokes
9. Johnny Mathis hit bit: "..._ the twelfth of never..."
10. Structural material
11. Earth
13. Team the Ottawa Senators play at the Xcel Energy Center: 2 wds.
15. Nashville-set reno/realty show, on W Network and HGTV: 3 wds.
17. Refusals in Glasgow
21. Nepal's location
22. 18-__ gold
23. Earth's sky layer
24. "I Heard I Had" by Vancouver band Dear __
27. Fire-making aid
29. Changing traffic lanes concern
30. Ms. Couric
31. Turn a person into a politician
32. Parched periods
36. Prom dress materials
39. Drifting
41. Roch Volsine song
42. Air freshener brand
43. Priceless violin, for short
44. Subject
45. Fervent
46. Cars have four
51. Wonderment
52. "Monsters, __." (2001)
53. River to the Volga
54. Napierville negative

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
Avoid intense discussions and encounters with bosses, parents, teachers and VIPs today. They could quickly disintegrate into a nasty argument!

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Research that you do today might yield something shocking. It could be a secret from the past. It also might relate to politics or religion. Be careful how you use this information.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Discussions with a friend or a member of a group might turn into a power struggle today. Don't try to force your opinions on anyone else, and don't let anyone do this to you.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
This is a poor day to talk to authority figures, because you probably are obsessed with an idea. You're like a dog with a bone. This will not go over too well. Wait for another day.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Avoid controversial subjects, because you will end up arguing about politics, religion or racial issues. People are intense and obsessed today!

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Quarrels about shared property, inheritances, taxes, debt and jointly held possessions might come to a head today. However, this is a poor day for these discussions. Ya think?

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Avoid quarrels with partners and close friends today. Either you or someone else won't let go of an idea, which is the source of the problem.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You might have to fix broken equipment at work today. In doing so, avoid quarrels with co-workers who think they know better.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Parents should be easygoing with kids today, because it's a quarrelsome day. Likewise, romantic partners might experience conflict. Just let it go. Lighten up.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Be tactful during family discussions today because people are obsessed about issues. Home repairs are one thing that seems to be on the table right now.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Do not try to coerce others to agree with you today. (Ironically, you won't get them to agree anyway.) Just keep things light, because relations with others are intense.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
If shopping today, be careful! You might buy something regardless of whether you should do this or not. Avoid quarrels about money and possessions, as well.

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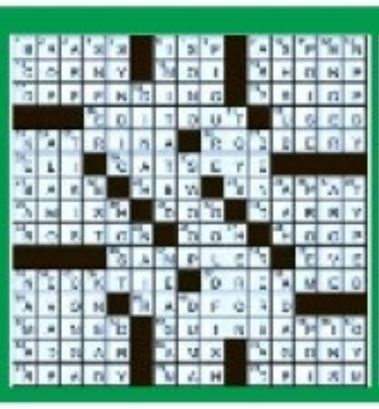

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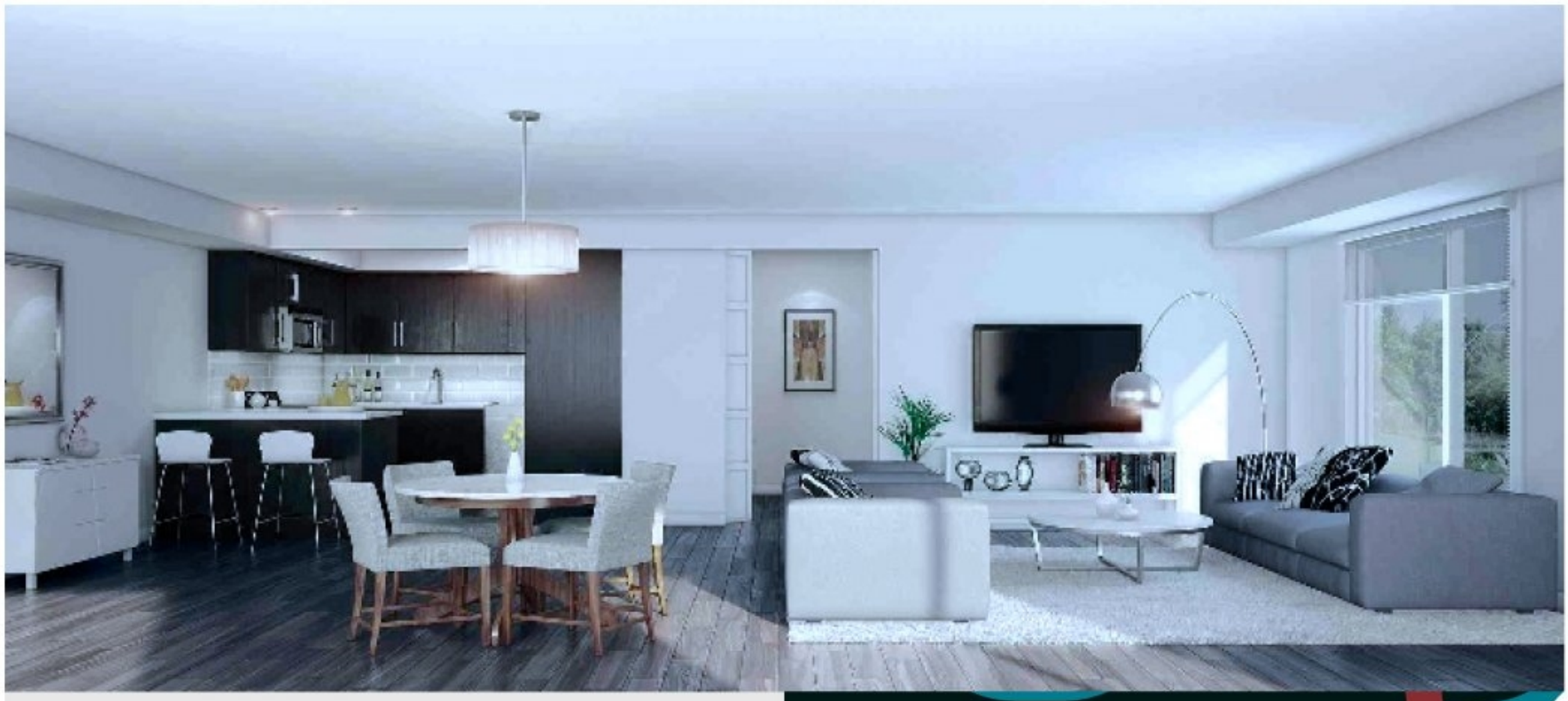

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